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Known as 'leftist champ' —

General stirs concern in boom for CIA job

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WASHINGTON, June 14 — The active boom for retired Brig. Gen. Telford Taylor to head the Central Intelligence Agency has caused "grave concern" — even consternation — on Capitol Hill.

Allen W. Dulles, 68-year-old CIA director (since 1953), has evidenced no desire to step out. But he has been held personally responsible for the abortive, co-directed Cuban invasion and is expected to be replaced.

Taylor, a product of Harvard Law School, native of Schenectady and a New York City lawyer, is known as a perennial champion of leftists, whose professional talents have aided such individuals as Harry Bridges, various Smith Act defendants and union moguls with asserted Communist leanings.

Others mentioned for the Dulles post are Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor (who headed a committee probing CIA), Deputy Attorney Gen. Byron R. (Whizzer) White (reputed choice of his boss, Robert F. Kennedy) and

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway (favored by Gen. Douglas MacArthur).

BUT THE ground-swell for Taylor's nomination, it was learned, has reached the cloak room "discussion" stage and Taylor has reportedly been interviewed extensively for the CIA post. Taylor supporters claim they have the sympathy of Walter W. Rostow, deputy special assistant to the president for national security affairs.

Lawmakers on both sides of the "aisle" coyly dodged all direct questions relating to the "Taylor rumors." But they did not mask their concern. Congress, they indicated, will take a "hard, solid look" at any nominee for the important CIA directorship — which requires senate confirmation via the Senate armed services committee.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.), vice chairman of the Senate internal security subcommittee — who also refused to comment on Taylor — characterized the CIA top post as a "vital" rung in safeguarding America's security. Dodd, who had served with naval intelligence, the FBI and as vice chairman of



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the Nuremberg war trials review board, declared:

"This position (CIA director) is one of the most sensitive, delicate and important in the federal government. Both the president and the country must have unquestioned confidence in whomever is chosen to fill it."

"I WOULD PLACE this position on a level with that of the secre-

tary of defense and director of the FBI, requiring the same kind and degree of confidence as that reposed in J. Edgar Hoover.

"I personally believe that the individual named to the CIA, his qualifications and background will come under exhaustive scrutiny by the Congress."

Who is Telford Taylor, an apparent front-runner in the scramble for the top job in the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency?

Newspaper files, congressional records and other data disclose that Taylor (now 48) entered government service as a young New Deal lawyer in '33 in the Department of Interior.

He served successively in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, attorney general's office, Federal Communications Commission (general counsel) before entering the Army in 1942.

AFTER a brief stint in military intelligence in Europe, Taylor became a major general ('45) at the Nuremberg trials and chief U. S. counsel at proceedings subsequent to the four power trials of principal defendants. He became a brigadier general in '48.

Charges against Taylor exploded